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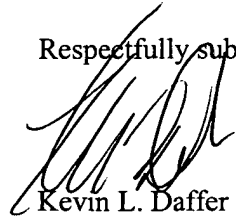
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The Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Daffer McDaniel, LLP deposit account number 50-3268/5887-00100.

Respectfully submitted,

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